

Monday, July 12, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8205–S8307

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced on Thursday, July 8, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, pursuant to the order of June 29, 1999, as follows: S. 1344; and seven bills and two resolutions were introduced today, as follows: S. 1345–1351, S. Res. 137, and S.J. Res. 29.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Thursday, July 8, during the adjournment:

S. 712, to amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for highway-rail grade crossing safety through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps. (S. Rept. No. 106–104)

S. 1072, to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.). (S. Rept. No. 106–105)

Reported today:

S. 296, to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–106)

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Measures Passed:

Efforts to Free Humanitarian Workers in Yugoslavia: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 144, urging the United States Government and the United Nations to undertake urgent and strenuous efforts to secure the release of Branko Jelen, Steve Pratt, and Peter Wallace, 3 humanitarian workers employed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by CARE International, who are being unjustly held as prisoners by the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

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Patients' Bill of Rights Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1344, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S8209–51

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 1232, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S8212–51

Daschle (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1233 (to Amendment No. 1232), to ensure that the protections provided for in the Patients' Bill of Rights apply to all patients with private health insurance.

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Nickles (for Santorum) Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1233), to do no harm to Americans' health care coverage, and expand health care coverage in America. Pages S8235–42

Graham Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1233), to provide for coverage of emergency medical care. Pages S8242–51

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, July 13, 1999.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Request Act; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–46). Pages S8259–60

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Messages From the House: Page S8260

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S8260

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Text of S. 376 and S. 1283, as Previously Passed: Pages S8297–S8307

Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 13, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8307.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2467–2486; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 241 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on July 2, H.R. 413, to authorize qualified organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to microenterprise development organizations and programs and to disadvantaged entrepreneurs using funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, amended (H. Rept. 106–184 part 2);

Filed on July 2, H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–221);

Filed on July 2, H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 106–222);

H.R. 1551, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's civil aviation research and development programs for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, amended (H. Rept. 106–223);

H.R. 1243, to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–224);

S. 361, a private bill, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest (H. Rept. 106–225);

S. 449, a private bill, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property (H. Rept. 106–226);

H. Res. 242 providing for consideration of H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–227); and

H. Res. 243 providing for consideration of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–228).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5337

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, July 1, by a ye and nay vote of 329 yeas to 36 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 277.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Highway Traffic Administration Authorization Corrections: H.R. 2035, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration. Agreed to amend the title;

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Urging for the Release of Three CARE International Workers in Yugoslavia: H. Con. Res. 144, urging the United States Government and the United Nations to undertake urgent and strenuous efforts to secure the release of Branko Jelen, Steve Pratt, and Peter Wallace, 3 humanitarian workers employed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by CARE International, who are being unjustly held as prisoners by the government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;

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Rejecting an American Psychological Association Article on Sexual Relations Between Adults and Children: H. Con. Res. 107, amended, expressing the sense of Congress rejecting the conclusions of a recent article published by the American Psychological Association that suggests that sexual relationships between adults and children might be positive for children (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 355 yeas with none voting nay and 13 voting "present", Roll No. 278); and

Pages H5341–42, H5348